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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY BAND

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1. ON JULY 28 I RAISED THE MATTER OF THE C5A AIRLIFT OF THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERISTY BAND WITH GENERAL HIKMAT SHIHABI, CHEIF, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE. HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE PLANE'S REMAINING IN DAMASCUS FOR 48 HOURS ON STATIC DISPLAY. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT I PREPARE A FORMAL NOTE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY DONE TODAY) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FORMAL CLEARANCE FROM THE APPROPRIATE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND HE PROMISED TO BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. IN VIEW OF SHORTNESS OF TIME THE TWO-MAN AIR FORCE TEAM SHOULD MAKE PREPARATIONS TO PROCEED TO DAMASCUS OVER THE NEXT WEEK UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED. MEANWHILE WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION FOR THE FLIGHT CLEARANCE OF THE C5A.

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